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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ISRAEL PREPARES FOR TERRORIST REPRISAL

EMBASSY TEL AVIV HAS BEEN TOLD BY A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT
ISRAEL IS CONSIDERING GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE IN ITS
APPROACH TO TERRORISM. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE:

--THERE IS A GOVERNMENT CONSENSUS THAT ISRAEL MUST
EXPECT A REPRISAL TO THE ENTEBBE OPERATION.

--CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A COORDINATED OPERATIONS CENTER FOR COUNTER-
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ABROAD.

--A LIST HAS BEEN COMPILED OF WEST BANK AND GAZA

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PALESTINIANS WITH RELATIVES ABROAD KNOWN TO BE

ACTIVE IN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

--IT IS UNLIKELY THE GOI WILL ADOPT THE DEATH PENALTY, AS CAPTURED TERRORISTS WOULD SERVE AS PAWNS IN FUTURE NEGOTIATING SITUATIONS. (SECRET)
TEL AVIV 4727, 7/9 (EXDIS).

2. ECPC: WAS MOSCOW REALLY COMPROMISED?

EMBASSY BELGRADE RECOMMENDS AN "IDEOLOGICAL COUNTEROFFENSIVE" TO THE TENETS OF THE ECPC DOCUMENT AND THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE FORM OF A "PERSISTENT WESTERN CAMPAIGN", STIMULATED THROUGH NATO. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY:

--THE DOCUMENT REPRESENTS NEITHER THE VICTORY FOR THE INDEPENDENTS NOR THE DEFEAT OF THE SOVIETS IT HAS BEEN CALLED, AND CAN BE USED BY EACH TO THEIR OWN ENDS.

--THERE ARE AREAS OF NO GAIN, COMPROMISE AND CONCESSION IN THE DOCUMENT WHICH INDICATE THAT TRUE AUTONOMY FROM THE USSR REMAINS A DISTANT GOAL OF THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

--OUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE NON-BLOC PARTIES TO FORCE THEM TOWARD GENUINE INDEPENDENCE. (SECRET) BELGRADE 4483.

3. CHILE: PINOCHET PEEVED WITH POPPER

THE CHILEAN JUNTA APPARENTLY HOLDS EMBASSY SANTIAGO AND AMBASSADOR POPPER RESPONSIBLE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID EMBODIED IN THE NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT. THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT:

--THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT KNOWN THAT IT CONSIDERS EMBASSY REPORTING THE KEY FACTOR IN MOTIVATING THE CONGRESS.

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--SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT TOP OFFICIALS BOYCOTTED THE AMBASSADOR'S BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION ON PINOCHET'S ORDERS.

--NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN RESTRICTIONS AND CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. ONE GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST ASKED, "WHY DON'T WE TAKE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND THE

WHOLE EMBASSY STAFF AND PUSH THEM ACROSS THE
NEAREST FRONTIER?"

EMBASSY COMMENT: THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS THE CHILEANS
COULD MAKE THEIR DISPLEASURE KNOWN. STILL, THE CAREFUL
AVOIDANCE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC CRITICISM WOULD INDICATE

THAT THE JUNTA IS NOT SO RASH AS TO WANT TO BURN ITS
BRIDGES WITH US. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 6661, 7/9.

4. ETHIOPIA: HUMMEL ON HANGING TOUGH

IN THE FACE OF HIGH-LEVEL ETHIOPIAN INTRANSIGENCE, OB-
STRUCTIONISM AND OFTEN OUTRIGHT DUPLICITY VIS A VIS THE
US, AMBASSADOR HUMMEL RECOMMENDS SOME "UNDIPLOMATIC BUT
NECESSARY" TECHNIQUES TO PROMOTE "A MORE GENUINE AND
TOLERABLE NON-ALIGNMENT" FOR ETHIOPIA:

--THE MISSION MUST ENSURE THAT HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS
OF THE EPMG ARE AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE
IMPLICATIONS OF DECISIONS MADE BY SUBORDINATES.

--MORE BLUNTNESS AND HARSH QUESTIONING IS NECESSARY
IN THE FACE OF ETHIOPIAN WILLINGNESS TO LIE RATHER
THAN EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION ON A SENSITIVE SUBJECT.

--US DEMARCHES ARE CLOSELY HELD AND WE MUST MAKE
SURE OUR DISSATISFACTION ON SPECIFIC MATTERS IS MORE
WIDELY UNDERSTOOD.

--WARNINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EPMG CONCERNING
ACTIONS WHICH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE THE DIRG
MAY BE CONTEMPLATING AND WHICH MIGHT HAVE NEGATIVE
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CONSEQUENCES.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: WE SHOULD HANG IN HERE AS LONG AS
WE DECENTLY CAN, LIMIT THE DAMAGE AND CONTINUE OUR PRESENT
POLICY OF STEADINESS. I BELIEVE THAT HOWEVER IRRATIONAL
AND PRO-COMMUNIST THE EPMG APPEARS, IT IS NOT SUICIDAL
AND WILL FACE HARD FACTS. (SECRET) ADDIS ABABA 7985, 7/6
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